(ग) जी नहीं;

(घ) जी हां;

विद्युत इंजनों (ए०बी०बी०) की खरीद

1180. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने असिया ब्राउन बोवेरी कंपनी से 6 हजार अश्व शक्ति वाले विद्युत इंजनों की खरीद के संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय ले लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने इंजन खरीदे जाने का प्रस्ताव है और उनकी कुल कीमत कितनी होगी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन इंजनों के रख-रखाव इत्यादि पर भविष्य में आवश्यकता पड़ने वाले अतिरिक्त कल पुर्जों की सप्लाई का उपबंध किये जाने के संबंध में विचार किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इंजनों के रख-रखाव के लिये आवश्यक सामग्री, अतिरिक्त कल पुर्जे तथा मकैनिक देश में ही उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे, यदि नहीं, तो उनके आयात के संबंध में क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) रेल अभिसमय समिति द्वारा नवंबर, 1992 में प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट के आलोक में यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Expansion of Railway Lines in Bihar

1181. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to expand the Railway lines in Bihar, where Railway lines do not exist; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposals have been received for providing rail links to Hazaribagh and Dumka in areas not having railway lines at present. The surveys carried out for this purpose have revealed that these lines would not have adequate traffic potential. As such, they could not be considered. One proposal for a new line from Ranchi to Hazaribagh road with a connection to Koderma was referred to the Planning Commission in '91 but was not agreed to by them. Survey for a new line to connect Dumka either with Mandar Hill or' to the Sahibganj loop has since been taken up.

Broad-Gauge Rail Link between Ankola and Hubli

1182. SHRI J.P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a new broad-gauge rail link between Ankola and Hubli;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the construction of the new line is proposed to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A survey for construction of new BG line between Ankola & Hubli was carried out in 1992. The cost of 164 kms length of new BG line was assessed at Rs. 236.80 crores with a rate of return of 16.7%. However, in the meantime, conversion of Hospet-Hubli-Goa (489 kms) has been approved under Project Unigauge. Consequent to this a reappraisal of traffic potential on the proposed line is being done.

(c) Further action would depend on the results of the reappraisal and availability of resources in the coming years.

Testing a pads supplied by APPL

1183. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pads supplied by Andhra Polymers Pvt. Ltd. have not passed the safety tests conducted by two independent internationally reported Laboratories; namely I.I.T., Bombay and

Shriram Test House;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the pads supplied by APPL are still being supplied and used by the Railway endangering the safety of rail users; and

(c) whether a CBI enquiry is proposed to be ordered by Government into this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The testing at I.I.T., Bombay and Shriram Test House was not in accordance with the Indian Railways Standard Specifications.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Rubber pads supplied by APPL are as per Indian Railway Standard Specifications duly inspected by Research, Designs & Standards Organisation, Ministry of Railways.

(c) No, Sir.

Cancellation of Trains

1184. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of passenger trains have been cancelled recently to move freight traffic; and

(b) if so, the names of passenger trains cancelled zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Railway stations in Delhi during the ASIAD

@1185. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of public funds invested in the construction of railway stations in the territory of Delhi for the ASIAD;

(b) whether the investment made has been practically wasted and, contrary to original intentions, no use is now being made of these railway stations; and

(c) whether it is a fact that corresponding shuttle bus services were withdrawn; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Rs. 156.29 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The stations built up are in use by the passengers on Ring Railway.

(c) Initially, Delhi Trasnport Corporation introduced special bus services in 4 routes, which were subsequently increased to 23. However, 11 Specials were withdrawn later, because of low patronisation and less revenue, resulting in uneconomic operation.

Konkan Railway Project

1186. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Goan segment of Konkan Railways project is bogged down due to resistance from vested interests in Goa;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has been cleared by two expert committees and that a writ petition by the vested interests for realignment of the route was turned down by the High Court; and

(c) whether Government ensure that the project is implemented as planned to avoid cost and time overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A special Leave petition on the High Court judgement was also dismissed by the Supreme Court.

(c) Yes, Sir subject to availability of funds.

@Previously Unstarred Question 627, transferred from 26th February, 1993.